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Senator Cherry Applauds Passage of Environmental Protection Bills

(LANSING)—Senator Deb Cherry (D-Burton) applauded the passage of a multi-bill package of legislation in the state Senate today intended to tighten solid waste restrictions in Michigan.

“This legislation is a great first step in our ongoing efforts to protect Michigan’s environment from pollutants and our citizens from potential health hazards,” said Cherry. “I have been working on legislation to prohibit recyclable beverage containers and other items from our landfills for some time. I’m encouraged by the passage of a bill in this package of legislation that mirrors my own.”

The bipartisan legislative package passed by the Senate today includes bills sponsored by Senate Democrats that require solid waste from outside of the state to meet certain requirements and require capacity reporting information from landfill operators. In addition, the Senate passed Senate Resolution 167 that requests that the United State Congress enact legislation to extend to the states more authority for the management of solid waste.

“My colleagues and I will continue to work on environmental protection legislation that addresses the concerns of Michigan residents,” said Cherry. “Just because we have excessive landfill capacity in our state does not mean we need to fill it all. We need to find ways to increase our recycling efforts and continue to limit what we allow to enter the waste stream.”

Senator Cherry is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and is Minority Vice Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, and the subcommittee on Community Health.

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